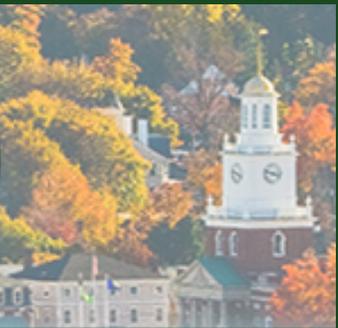
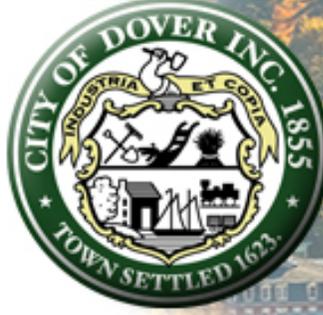


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N.H. Listens to host community session on public safety in Dover

N.H. Listens and the Strafford County Chiefs of Police Association will host three, three-hour, facilitated sessions with local police departments, including Dover, beginning March 26. The sessions, "Building Connections, Increasing Safety," are intended to increase mutual understanding, strengthen trusting relationships and identify positive steps in each community.

The first session will be held in Dover on Thursday, March 26, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the McConnell Center cafeteria.

The second session will be held in Durham on Monday, March 30, from 4 to 7 p.m., in The Stafford Room at the University of New Hampshire.

The final session will be held in Rochester on Thursday, April 2, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the Conference Center at Frisbie Memorial Hospital.

For more information, or to RSVP, visit www.nhlistens.org.

Meetings this week:

School Board, March 23, 6 p.m.

The School Board will hold a workshop session on Monday, March 23, 2015, at 6 p.m. in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

To view the agenda, [click here](#).

Planning Board, March 24, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the agenda, [click here](#).

City Council, March 25, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the agenda, [click here](#).

To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit www.dover.nh.gov/dntv.

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the [meeting calendar page](#).



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Panel to host information sessions about High School building project

The Joint Building Committee for Dover High School and the Career Technical Center will hold three community information sessions later this month. The information sessions are intended to provide additional information about the building project and the current condition of the high school and CTC. The high school was built in 1967.

Each session includes a presentation on the project, followed by questions, and tours of the school.

The information sessions will be held on the following dates:

- **Thursday, March 26, 6 to 8 p.m.** (Tours from 6 to 7 p.m. and a presentation and questions from 7 to 8 p.m.);
- **Saturday, March 28, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** (Tours from 9 to 10 a.m., a presentation and questions from 10 to 11:30 a.m., and additional tours from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.);
- **Tuesday, March 31, 6 to 8 p.m.** (Tours from 6 to 7 p.m. and a presentation and questions from 7 to 8 p.m.).

In October, the JBC selected the architectural firm HMFH, Architects, Inc. to conduct a needs assessment, site selection and design services for the High School and Regional Career and Technical Center project. In December and January, the JBC hosted several "visioning" sessions to gauge sentiment from the public, staff and students about the school's future.

For more information, contact the Dover School District Business Office at 516-6800.

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Learn more about the City of Dover's budget process

Each year, City Manager J. Michael Joyal Jr., presents a proposed budget to the City Council, followed by a series of public hearings, workshops and special meetings. The City Council adopts a final budget in June.

The fiscal year 2016 budget will be presented to the City Council on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 during a City Council meeting in Council Chambers at City Hall.

In addition to the City Council presentations, there are additional ways to stay informed and learn more about the budget process.

The City recently launched a newsletter devoted to the budget process. This newsletter includes more detailed information about the proposed budget, a look at the budget process, a review of budget presentations and meetings with the City Council, and more. The newsletter, Budget Revealed, can be added to your current list of City of Dover newsletters by [clicking here](#) and adding your email address.

The City also maintains a Budget Revealed resource on the City's website. These pages include updated information on the current and previous fiscal year budgets. Budget Revealed [can be found here](#).

Dover Planning Board adopts land use chapter of Master Plan

The Planning Board held a public hearing on Feb. 24 and voted to adopt the proposed Land Use Analysis Chapter of the Dover Master Plan.

To help develop land use considerations for Dover, the Planning Board established a steering committee to oversee the effort. The committee worked with Steven Whitman of Jeff Taylor and Associates, a consultant to the project.

The land use chapter is required by state statute and gives shape to the community's vision, including input from the

Dover 2023 sessions. The committee titled the chapter, "It's About Tomorrow." The theme of the chapter is to recommend land uses that are a good fit for Dover when the City celebrates its 400th anniversary.

Like the vision chapter, the land use section forms the backbone of Dover's Master Plan. A master plan guides the long-term physical development for a community. Similar to a business which periodically reviews its strategic plan, Dover reviews its Master Plan every five to 10 years. Each review has a 10- to 20-year horizon.

"Along with the Vision Chapter, the land use chapter will serve as a roadmap for Dover's future development," said Steve Bird, City Planner for Dover, who served as the staff liaison to the committee.

The Land Use Analysis Chapter studies demographic trends, economic activity, and natural resources. The chapter contains recommendations for the following areas:

- Land Use
- Economic Development
- Housing
- Energy

One recommendation in the housing area is that the City consider adopting innovative tools to encourage smaller houses that would be attractive to young professionals and empty-nesters. In the area of economic development, there is a recommendation that the City investigate redevelopment options for the older industrial parks to revitalize them.

The Planning Department believes that the Land Use Analysis Chapter will not just sit on the shelf. The implementation of the chapter will occur as the recommendations are considered and adopted by the various boards and committees responsible for the recommendations.

The Land Use Analysis Chapter is available for viewing on the Planning Department's website [here](#).

Copies are also available at the Planning Department and Public Library.

For more information on the project, please contact City Planner Steve Bird at 603-516-6008 or s.bird@dover.nh.gov.

Tolend Road weight limits in effect

The Dover City Council has adopted an ordinance, Chapter

166-47, placing a maximum weight limit for vehicles on Tolend Road, from the Barrington town line to Columbus Avenue. No vehicle with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating that exceeds 13 tons, or 26,000 pounds, is permitted on this roadway. Penalties for violations include a \$150 fine for a first offense, and a \$250 fine for any second or subsequent offense. The restriction has been posted at all roadways intersecting with this segment of Tolend Road and will be enforced by the Dover Police Department.

The only exempt vehicles from this ordinance include residential heating system delivery vehicles, school buses, public safety vehicles, or vehicles engaged in curbside waste or snow removal for the City of Dover. Deputy City Manager and Director of Community Services Douglas W. Steele II is also authorized to provide written permission for other trucks to travel on the roadway, but may impose reasonable conditions on the use of the road and may establish reasonable requirements for bonding and restoration of the roadway in the event of damage.

This ordinance is due in part to the reconstruction project that is currently under way on Tolend Road. During the 2014 construction season, concerns were raised about the condition and structural integrity of the roadway due to cracking of the base pavement. Crack sealing was performed in the fall of 2014, but final pavement overlays and other pending structural repairs are not expected to be completed until sometime in 2015. The City of Dover's engineering consultant for the project, Underwood Engineers, has recommended that the City work to reduce the impacts of loaded truck traffic in order to preserve the integrity of the road until construction is completed. The intent of this ordinance is to reduce the volume of heavy trucks; 26,000 pounds is the lower end of the scale for commercial motor vehicles in order to prevent unreasonable damage to the road and extraordinary municipal maintenance expense.

The Tolend Road ordinance was adopted in addition to Chapter 166-5C of Dover City Code, which already prohibits any vehicle over 26,000 pounds GVWR from traveling on any local roadway in the City. Trucks exceeding this weight limit are required to remain on all state-numbered or state-maintained highways, or on any roadway otherwise designated as a truck route, and may not travel on any local roadway except when their origin or destination is a specific address on the local roadway. Trucks are then required to take the most direct route to and from their origin or destination to the state highway.

13th annual Dover Public Library
poetry contest

The Dover Public Library is pleased to announce the 13th annual Dover Public Library poetry contest for grades K-12. Prizes will be awarded in six different categories: Grades K-2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6, 7 and 8, 9 and 10, and 11 and 12.

Poems will be judged on originality, style and creativity.

Deadline for entry is April 15, 2015. Students may pick up information about the contest at the Dover Public Library, any Dover school library, or at library.dover.nh.gov.

All participants are invited to attend an "Evening of Poetry" on Monday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Students are invited to read their poetry at this event, but this will be purely voluntary.

For more information about the contest, contact Denise LaFrance at 516-6082.

Time to renew dog licenses

Dog licenses for 2015 are now available. All dogs must be licensed by April 30 to avoid a late fee. The cost for a male or female dog is \$10, a neutered male or spayed female dog is \$7.50 and puppies (3-7 months) are \$7.50 for first licensing.

Residents 65 years of age or older may license one dog for \$3. Additional licenses require regular fees.

The City Clerk's office requires proof of rabies information and a certificate of spaying or neutering.

Late fees of \$1 a month begin June 1.

Dog licenses can be renewed at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, by mail or online.

In addition to online licensing, rabies information can also be updated online and the certificate mailed to the City Clerk's office. A checking account or credit card is required for online dog license registration. To ensure privacy, dog owners must provide the dog's tag number.

To renew online, [click here](#).

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.

City's boards and commissions keep our community vibrant

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the energy and talent of citizen participation on boards and commissions.

The City's boards and commissions encourage public participation, including new members to fill vacant positions.

A video that explains the role and significance of our City's boards and commissions can be [viewed here](#).

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about vacancies and how to apply for boards and commissions, [click here](#).

Featured this week: Transportation Advisory Commission



Transportation Advisory Commission

The Transportation Advisory Commission is currently seeking to fill vacancies.

To download an application for board and commissions, click [here](#). Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.

Calling All Peeps to the Dover Public Library

The Dover Public Library is looking for creative Dover residents, Dover students, or Dover Public Library

cardholders to enter our Seventh annual "Peeps Show" contest this April.

Here's how it works: Build a diorama using Peeps of any color or species in a standard size shoe box. The theme is anything literary; recreate a scene from your favorite book, play, or poem. The first 16 entries will receive a free plush Peep bunny or chick.

Those 17 or older are invited to compete in the Adult Division, while peeps, er, people 11 to 16 may enter the Teen Division. Children ages two to six are invited to enter the Kids Division, and ages seven to 10 may enter in the Youth Division. On the back of your shoe box, please include your name, address, phone number, and title of your "Peeps Show". All Peeps displays may be dropped off at the Dover Public Library beginning Monday, March 23 through Saturday, April 4. The Peeps will be displayed in the library for all to enjoy.

The winner of each division will receive a \$25 Target gift card, courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Prizes will be awarded on Monday afternoon, April 6.

Peeps should be picked up by 5 p.m. Saturday, April 11. All Peeps not picked up by the deadline will be discarded or eaten.

For more information, call the reference desk at the library at 516-6082.

CITY OF DOVER  SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stay informed with City of Dover special announcements

Want up-to-date information about road work, emergencies, special projects, and other important information? [Sign up now](#) to receive special announcements via email.

In addition to Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a variety of e-mail updates, including emergency and road closure information, Police Facility and Parking Garage updates, Silver Street reconstruction news, news from the Public Library, waterfront development, and more.

To sign up for one or all of the City's updates, [click here](#). An e-mail address is required to access the special announcement mailing lists.

DID YOU KNOW?



The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, "Historic Rambles About Dover," by Robert A. Whitehouse, "Port of Dover: Two Centuries of Shipping on the Cochecho" by Robert A. Whitehouse and Cathleen C. Beaudoin, and several other historical sources.

For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Institute Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, located at <http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/cityof.htm>.



March 22, 1683 - A prodigious tide, rising some feet higher than the observation of the oldest settlers in this place, did great damage to wharves and warehouses in Boston and Piscataqua.



March 23, 1793 - "Died in this town Mr. Benjamin Deane in the 31st year of his age - an useful and active citizen. During the late revolution, he was captured, while in the service of his country, and was confined in Forton Prison for the space of eighteen months, during which he four times with others effected his escape from the prison, by digging beneath the walls, but unfortunately was retaken before he could get without the realms of despotism. He has left a wife and two small children to bemoan his loss."



March 25, 1856 - First organization of the City Government - the Hon. Andrew Peirce, the Mayor elect, taking the oath of office, and Charles Clements, Esq. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, surrendering the official seals and records of the town to his successor. With city government came gas lighting on streets and sidewalks, a police court, and more efficient administration of the laws. Prior to Dover becoming a city, it had been a town for 222 years, since 1633.





March 22, 1889 - Dover's second City Hall, built in 1867 for \$71,000, burns down. From the Dover Enquirer: "The City Hall of Dover upon which so much money has been expended, with which so much fault has been found, the City Opera House which despite its small size has been the pride of the city is now but a blackened mass of smoldering ruins and shaky brick walls. With new water works, a fire department always considered efficient, everyone wonders how a fire which was so insignificant at the start should spread beyond all control and destroy the property of the county and the town." Police officer Robinson discovered a blaze near the furnace. The alarm was rung in and then the tramps let out of the police station. The stream from the hydrant was put on and everyone thought the fire had been smothered. Suddenly a stream of fire was seen in the court room and from there it extended to the stage and dressing rooms and the city hall was doomed. Twenty streams were soon playing on the fire, several of them misdirected. George E. Durgin, Clerk of Court, arrived none too soon to secure his property in the office. He saved his furniture and a strong box containing documents of great value. John B. Stevens, city Clerk, braved the smoke in his office and succeeded in saving a large amount of property with the help of officers and firemen. Frank Thompkins, Register of Deeds, managed to clear his office of most of the valuables. C.S. Clifford, Register of Probate, saved part of his office furniture and papers of value. The Belknap Church as usual took fire but was saved by the Cocheco Mfg. Co. Hose. When the dome of the City Hall was all on fire and just before it fell it looked like a gigantic piece of fire works. The clock kept right on going and not until the fire had half consumed the tower did it cease running. It stopped at 3:30. When the roof of the tower gave way the heavy clock crashed down through the stairways and woodwork stirring up the fire and making it burn more furiously. (Many people thought the building might have been saved under good management of the fire department. After the fire got beyond control the streams were directed to the safe in City Clerk Stevens office to save the records. The last official work done in this office was the reading of the final proofs of the reports of the City Government for 1888. When the vaults in the buildings were opened the contents were found injured by water but not destroyed. The High School cadets lost half their guns in the conflagration. A few

evenings before the fire, a dramatic entertainment, the play of Ben Hur, was given by local talent, under the auspices of ladies interested in the establishment of a Home for the Aged in this city, and on the night of the fire a crowded house listened to a concert by a Swedish quartette. On both of these occasions questions as to the safety of the hall, especially the balconies were raised so the citizens consoled themselves for their loss in thinking that possibly a greater catastrophe had been averted.

The City Hall standing today is the fourth constructed.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Time to register your vehicle? Save time, register online

Did you know you can save yourself time and a trip to City Hall by registering your vehicle online?

Online vehicle registration renewal is easy, safe and secure. You can register online by providing a PIN number or your license plate number. Your PIN number is provided by the City of Dover and can be found on your renewal notice.

For your convenience, you can now pay for motor vehicle registration by credit card.

For more information on the E-registration process, [click here](#).

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.

Simply visit the City's website at www.dover.nh.gov/dntv to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dover Chamber kicks off annual sweepstakes and auction

It's time to "Paint the Town Red" at the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's Sweepstakes and Auction.

This annual event, underwritten by Federal Savings Bank, features a delicious dinner, cash bar, door prizes, games and activities, silent and live auctions and ten cash prizes with one lucky attendee going home with \$10,000 cash.

Only 250 tickets are sold for this exclusive event, giving attendees 25:1 odds of going home a cash winner.

Purchase tickets in advance, as the event is guaranteed to sell out.

"Sweeps" is a fundraiser for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, with proceeds benefiting Chamber community events including Apple Harvest Day, the Cochecho Arts Festival, Citizens' Leadership Academy, and more.

For more information, visit the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce [website here](#).

Earth, sea and space museum group to host community information night in Dover

The Friends of the Earth, Sea & Space Center will hold a Community Information Night on Thursday, March 26, 2015 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Picker Building Gallery at One Washington Center.

The Friends are a nonprofit organization working to develop a museum of earth, sea and space in Dover. The Earth, Sea & Space Center is envisioned to provide dynamic exhibits showcasing the relationship between marine and terrestrial environments, weather and climate. Large-scale aquariums will be part of the design, and the Center will also offer interactive programs. The Center's development team includes Lyons & Zaremba, exhibit designers for renowned facilities such as The National Aquarium in Baltimore, the John G. Shedd Aquarium in Chicago and the Aquarium of the Pacific at Long Beach; McManus Architects, designers of the New England Aquarium's IMAX Theatre and Marine Mammal Pavilion, The Boston Conservatory, and Boston Tea Party and Ship Museum in Fort Point Channel, Boston; and San Miguel Project Management, who oversaw the New England Aquarium's IMAX Theatre and Marine Mammal Pavilion endeavors.

The evening will provide an opportunity for interested citizens, business owners and local organizations to learn more about the project, its status, next steps, and benefits. Directors and others involved in the Center will be on hand

to make introductions and answer questions. Graphics illustrating the Center's location and exhibit themes will be on display and informational materials will be available. A short presentation will be made at 7:00 p.m. and light refreshments will be served.

Parking is available on-street, around the mills, and on River Street. Building access is via the One Washington Center main entrance (follow signs to the Picker Building), or at the back of the mills through the Rivermill entrance.

For more information, call 603-742-0800.



Want to stay up to speed on exciting events and activities in Dover? Sign up for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's weekly newsletter, Peek at the Week, for up-to-date information on what's happening in Dover.

Whether it's the schedule for the Cochecho Arts Festival, art exhibits or where to shop for local products, sign up for Peek at the Week, and you'll be ready for the week ahead.

You can sign up to receive the Chamber's Peek at the Week by e-mail [here](#).

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